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(Helicopter)
New River, Jacksonville
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters, U.S.
Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area, Marine Corps
Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533
Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology, period 1 January to 30 June 1975
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistic support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Materiel.

b. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and materiel to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

c. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 January to 30 June 1975.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col N. J. KAPETAN

Executive Officer	LtCol G. F. GALLAGHER
S-1 Officer	Maj M.J. BARKOVICH
Military Personnel Officer	1st Lt K. R. SHEPHERD 3 Mar 75
S-3 Officer	LtCol E. REICHERT
Airfield Operations Officer	Maj C. W. DePIETRO
Air Traffic Control	Maj D. R. GRESHAM
S-4 Officer	LtCol C. S. TUBBS
Comptroller	LtCol R. W. CARR
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj E. D. HAYMORE, Jr.
Executive Officer, H&HS	Capt C. M. COLLINS, III
Dental Officer	Capt R. M. HOFFMAN USN MAG-26
Medical Officer	LtCdr J. E. BURKHART USN 1 Jan 75 - 20 Mar 75 MAG-26
	Lt R. W. BEARSS USN MAG-26 21 Mar 75 - 23 Apr 75
	Lt S. L. BISE USN MAG-26 24 Apr 75
Catholic Chaplain	LtCdr B. GROCHOWSKI USN
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr W. A. SMITH USN
Supply Officer	CWO-3 B. D. REDIC
Services Officer	Maj W. M. BUSH 1 Jan 75 - 9 Feb 75
	Maj R. F. WILEY 10 Feb 75
Special Services Officer	Capt B. C. MILO
Comm/Elect Officer	Capt M. G. CAMERON

Disbursing Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Adjutant
SgtMaj
Dining Facility Officer

Maj N. M. SCOTT
CWO-3 L. J. LEPAGE
Capt G. A. O'CONNELL
SgtMaj A. L. BUNTING, Jr.
MSgt A. S. COOK
31 Dec 74 - 17 Jun 75
CWO-2 J. BAXLEY
30 Jun 75

Human Affairs Division
Command Club System

1st Lt B. J. TREADWAY
Capt R.R. STOUT

e. Average Strength. The average monthly strength during this period was 521 personnel. This figure includes officer and enlisted, permanent and attached personnel.

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 109 permanent personnel and 136 FAP personnel were joined. 56 permanent personnel were transferred and 107 FAP personnel terminated.

b. Twenty Marines re-enlisted and 32 Marines were released from active duty/discharged. Seventeen discharged and 6 transferred to FMCR.

c. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this Command:

(1) Enlisted: GySgt-7; SSgt-4; Sgt-39; Cpl-25; LCpl-56;
Pfc-19

d. The following decorations/awards were presented to Squadron personnel during this period at appropriate ceremonies:

(1) Good Conduct Medals	57
(2) Meritorious Masts	11
(3) Letters of Commendation	2
(4) Certificate of Commendation	2
(5) Letters of Appreciation	6

e. Civilian Personnel

(1) The following information is submitted for Civil Service personnel for the period ending 30 June 1975.

(a) Ceiling	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full Time permanent			69 *
On-Board	40	26	66

(b) During this period 0 employees retired.

(c) The civilian turnover was 6 separations and 9 accessions.

* Ceiling adjustment authorized by HQMC includes a loss of one billet (Supply Dept), and a gain of 4 (2 closed microphone reporters and 2 Headquarters, Marine Corps Trainee Billets).

4. Training

a. General

(1) The Training Department is responsible to the MCAS(H) S-3 for providing aviation training to units of the Second Marine Air Wing stationed at MCAS(H) New River.

(2) Personnel who man the Training Department are also directly responsible to the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron for coordinating and implementing individual training of enlisted Marines which includes Rifle Marksmanship, Physical Fitness Test, Drown Proofing, Pistol Requalification and Familiarization Firing. Further, it monitors the command Weight Control Program, MCI, Essential Subjects Training, SNCO and NCO Leadership Training, and coordinates MOS Training.

b. Individual Training

(1) Rifle Marksmanship. 120 personnel fired for qualification with 91 qualifying and 29 unqualified.

(2) PFT. 337 personnel were administered the test and 16 were not tested. 246 of the personnel tested passed. Out of 91 people, 46 remain on remedial PFT.

(3) Weight Control Program. During this reporting period 30 Marines were placed on the Weight Control Program. At the end of the reporting period all except 8 have been transferred, discharged, or have been released from the program due to satisfactory improvement.

(4) Drown Proofing. At present 73 personnel are unqualified. Lack of qualified swim instructors precluded testing during the past two quarters.

(5) Pistol Requalification

(a) Three out of three officers qualified with T/O weapon 38 Caliber.

(b) 29 SNCO and below fired the Caliber 45/with 29 qualifying.

5. Airfield Operations

a. Crash Crew

(1) Crash Crew Division. The Crash Crew Division has 9 vehicles assigned for aircraft crash fire protection. In addition, two crash vehicles are on loan from MAG-26 and one from MAG-29 and are used to supplement the station equipment.

(2) Crash Crew assisted in, provided service for and accomplished the following during the period 1 January - 30 June 1975.

(a) Aircraft crashes: Three (3)

(b) Aircraft standbys: Sixty five (65)

(c) Manned equipment: The Station Crash Crew spent 2265.0 hrs manning the Hotspot position for landing and departing aircraft and also stood by for 129 defuels, 130 washdowns of fuel-spills, plus 31 escorts.

(d) Training: 4487 man hours were spent on Crash Crew Training. Construction was started 6 June 1975 on the Crash Crew training area consisting of an 80 ft. concrete burn pit and 10000 gallon underground fuel storage tank.

b. Aircraft Maintenance

(1) During this period, 1542.3 aircraft flight hours were flown in aircraft assigned for Station Support (tenant helicopter aircraft Groups not included). Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows:

(a) T-28C-310.5

(b) T-28B-771.7

(c) US-2B-460.1

(2) During this period an average of 257.0 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BUNO 136452 was transferred on 7 Jan 75; Aircraft BUNO 137689 transferred on 16 Apr 75; Aircraft BUNO 138300 received on 25 Apr 75; Aircraft BUNO 137689 received on 22 May 75.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u> <u>AIR-</u> <u>CRAFT</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY SUPPLY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY MAINT</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT</u> <u>OPERATIONAL</u> <u>READY</u>
T-28C	61.1	21.0	24.7	38.9
T-28B	62.6	19.9	17.5	37.4
US-2B	47.7	37.5	14.8	52.3

c. Flight Support

(1) The Flight Support Division supported an average of 55 pilots from 2d MarDiv, 2d ANGLICO, and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2931.8 pilot hours on 674 proficiency or logistic flights on the average of eight (8) aircraft assigned to this Station. This section also renewed eleven (11) Standard and four (4) Special Instrument Cards.

d. Weather Service Division

(1) Weather Service Division maintains a 24 hour daily forecaster and observational program, with forecasts produced and disseminated locally and observations transmitted via Air Force Teletype Circuit plus local dissemination.

(a) A total of 646 IFR, 579 VFR and 237 Local flight forecasts were issued; in addition, 74 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) and Camp Lejeune.

(b) Monthly Climatological, Astronomical, and Tidal Data was computed and published for use at the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.

(c) Blast Focus Forecasts were prepared and disseminated on a daily basis to Camp Lejeune G-2 Training, Range Control and Cherry Point TACC.

e. Air Traffic Control Division

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Operations for the reporting period totaled 49,273. There were 2834 passengers manifested of whom 137 were VIPs. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 906 transient aircraft. Total operating hours numbered 2330.5.

(2) Personnel. The personnel strength averaged 49 and three (3) civilians. These averages include Fleet Augmentation personnel.

(3) Facilities. Rehabilitation of the Control Tower continued during the period. These improvements included digital readout clocks and installation of improved crash alarm system. The project is ongoing.

(4) Training. An Approach Control Course for local controllers was established during January. The course of study was approved as valuable training by the FAA ATREP at MCAS Cherry Point. The course has proven to be effective in providing advanced training and exposure to increasingly difficult control problems.

6. Dental Department

a. 1 January 1975 - The Dental Department became a Branch Dental Clinic under the auspices of the Naval Regional Dental Center Camp Lejeune.

7. Communications/Electronics Department

a. Modification to Plant and Facility. Under the VHF/UHF Modernization Program the old Air Traffic Control radio equipment was replaced with new 50 KHZ bandwidth equipment. Now installed is the AN/GRT-21 transmitter and the AN/GRR-23 receiver for VHF and the AN/GRT-22 transmitter and the AN/GRR-24 receiver for UHF. The installation was completed on 30 April 1975 by the NAVELECSUPENGECEN Portsmouth.

8. Public Affairs

a. Jan 7 - L. J. Price, High School, Atlanta, Ga. NROTC Cadets toured MCAS(H) New River.

Jan 8 - Dependents Clinic opens at Camp Geiger.

Jan 12 - MCAS(H) Youth Basketball Season opens.

Jan 20 - MCAS(H) Hosts Weight Lifting Meet.

b. Feb 12 - MCAS(H) Service Club opens.

MAG-26 gets new weather radar van for use at MCAS(H).

Feb 17 - Boy Scouts of Troop 910, Winston-Salem, N.C., tour Air Station.

Air Station wives meet to discuss Commissary Problems. Congressman Dave Henderson attends meeting.

Feb 16 - Air Station Marines helped Jacksonville USO celebrate 34th Anniversary.

Feb 24 - Infant of Prague Sixth Grade visits Air Station

Randy Howard, son of GySgt J. C. HOWARD of MCAS(H) New River earned Eagle Scout.

c. Mar 27 - LtCol G. F. GALLAGHER attended Wreath Ceremony for MIA at Jacksonville, N.C. City Hall.

Mar 29 - MCX Budget Shop opens.

Air Station Hosts "ALL MARINE" Judo Tournament.

d. Apr 14 - NROTC Cadets from University of Florida tour MCAS(H).

Apr 23 - Director of WM, Col M. BREWER visits MCAS(H).

e. May 5 - MCAS(H) Softball opens.

May 11 - MCAS(H) Youths receive first communion.

May 17 - COMCABEAST Inspection.

May 20 - Area Girl Scouts hold annual Camp Out here.

May 21 - Service Station opens Self Service lanes.

Station Library moves into new quarters Bldg 201.

Air National Guard sets up CommNet here.

Blue Creek students tour MCAS(H).

LtCol HUFFCUT Outstanding Service award (Globe).

May 28 - MCAS(H) Golf Driving Range opens.

f. Jun 9 - MCAS(H) Cycle Club hosts kids Bicycle Race.

MCAS(H) Swimming Pool opens.

Jun 16 - Daily vacation Bible School (at DeLalio).

Jun 24 - Blood Drive held at MCAS(H) 195 pints given.

9. S-4

a. June 1975 - Site preparation commenced for a MABS-26 warehouse and a MAG-26 avionics building.

b. 2-13 June 1975 - This Command co-hosted NMCB-133. This Battalion performed road repairs, baseball field construction, football field resurfacing and handball court construction.

c. 7-20 June 1975 - This Command co-hosted Company C, 6th Engineer Battalion, Force Troops, FMF, USMCR during its Active Duty Training. The following construction projects were accomplished:

(1) A Crash Crew Training Facility (Burn Pit).

(2) A Shellrock Road to the CPN-4A Site. Approximately one quarter of a mile.

(3) A 50 x 75 foot concrete play area for DeLalio Elementary School.

(4) A 20 x 40 foot concrete recreational patio.

10. Special Services

a. 25 May 1975 - Installation of a Golf Driving Machine in area located behind the Dispensary.

b. April 1975 - Completion of new Library building.

c. June 1975 - Completion of the new Ceramic Shop.

d. June 1975 - Fence and Tennis net were installed at Tennis Court located in MOQ.

e. May 1975 - Track meet held for the President's Physical Fitness Council for schools in Jacksonville.

f. Apr-May 1975 - Installation of fence for Youth League complex.

g. April 1975 - Hosted the 1975 Judo Tournament.

h. Purchase of Universal Gym for Physical Fitness Center.


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